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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIAGNOSING AND MONITORING TRANSPLANT REJECTION

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 8, 2008 (Paper No. 20081006), for which a response was due on January 8, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for a response to April 8, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.